

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

KWOK et al.

Appln. No.: 10/068,963

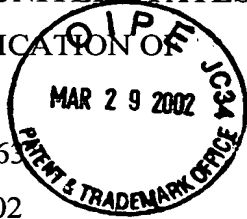
Filed: February 8, 2002

Title: NASAL MASK AND CUSHION THEREFOR

Confirmation No.: Unknown

Group Art Unit: 3761

Examiner: D. Erez



March 29, 2002

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following new claims 40-99:

40. (New) A nasal mask cushion to sealingly connect a mask to a wearer's face, the cushion comprising:

a nasal bridge region, a cheek region and a lip region;

a first membrane comprising a frame of resilient material having a first molded inwardly curved rim; and

a saddle-shaped second membrane of resilient material, said second membrane having a second molded inwardly curved rim, said second membrane curved rim spaced a distance from said first membrane curved rim, said distance being greater than a thickness of the first molded inwardly curved rim, said distance measured when the mask is not in use, a portion of said second membrane curved rim forming a face contacting seal.

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41. (New) The nasal mask cushion of claim 40, wherein the second membrane is comformable, in use, to various facial structures with minimum force.

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REPLY/AMENDMENT LETTER

Date: March 29, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim

- A. ☒ NOT made
B. ☐ Withdrawn
C. ☐ made herewith
D. ☐ made previously

For B & C
See **Required
Separate Paper**
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Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	77	**minus 20	57	x \$18/\$9 = + \$1026	103/203
3. Independent Claims	14	***minus 5	9	x \$84/\$42 = + \$756	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)..... add				+ \$280/\$140 = + \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE			
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached		(1 mo) \$110/\$55 = (2 mos) \$400/\$200 = (3 mos) \$920/\$460 = (Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos) \$1,440/\$720= (Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos) \$1,960/\$980=	+ \$0		115/215 116/216 117/217 118/218 128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract			- \$0		
8. Extension Fee Attached				+ \$0	
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee			+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), add			+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request add			+ \$180		126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)			+ \$740/370	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)			x \$740/370 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			+ \$740/370	+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for				+ \$0	
15. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =				\$1782	

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16. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".

17. **If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

18. ***If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

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This CHARGE STATEMENT **does not authorize** charge of the **issue fee** until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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